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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend John I. Caples, Jr., Jesus Name Apostolic Church, Waukegan, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, we thank You for the blessings and the prosperity of our country. You have told us, as parents tell their children, to make wise choices; however, when you don't know what to do, seek guidance. Your Word says that if My people will humble themselves and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways that You would heal their land.

Teach us the value of unity, because "a house divided cannot stand." Teach us the value of oneness, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are one. Teach us that the well-being of the country as a whole is more important than any portion alone.

You have told us that when the righteous are in control, the people rejoice. We invoke You to guide our leaders as You did King Solomon. Give them wisdom to govern so great a people and so great a Nation. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BARRETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND JOHN I. CAPLES, JR.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I am very honored to have welcomed Pastor John I. Caples of Jesus Name Apostolic Church to open the House today.

I first really got to know Pastor Caples after the murder of Jarreau Patterson and David Mackins, just 16 years old. It was Pastor Caples that brought together the families of the murdered with the families of the murderers that ended a cycle of violence in my community.

He helped restart an athletic program. And with assistance from the wider community, he built a basketball court in just 8 weeks to relieve some of the tensions of the community. He then started the Family First Center, first in a basement, now three stories tall, reaching out to help at-risk youth turn away from violence and gangs, but especially despair, saving one heart at a time.

Pastor Caples tells us that the government can't do it all, but it can change one heart of one child at a time and make the most difference. He is one of the men I admire most whose ministry saves lives. He changes hearts. And most importantly, he returns the soul to a community that is in need of a very big heart with hope.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING NATHALIE MCCRATE, CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nathalie McCrate on winning the Congressional Art Competition for Florida's 22nd Congressional District. Nathalie is a tenth grader at Jupiter High School, and her winning art work titled "The Brink" puts viewers on the edge of a forest looking out at urban sprawl. The contrast between the natural and the man-made is sharp in Nathalie's work, and she has a great future ahead as an artist.

Madam Speaker, as you know, the Congressional Art Competition is in its 27th year. This tradition brings together the work of young artists from all over the United States to hang in the United States Capitol. And I'm proud that Nathalie's will be among them.

I congratulate Nathalie, her parents and teachers, and all of our students for all that she has accomplished.

SOARING GAS PRICES

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, this quote from Daniel Webster appears above the Speaker's rostrum right up at the top of the Chamber. And it says this: "Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests and see whether we also in our day and generation may not perform something worthy to be remembered."

As families struggle with soaring gas prices, our Nation's energy solutions, I think, lie on Webster's words. House Republicans have offered a plan to

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